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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Patrick D. Niland	1714	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1/6/06.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by US Pat. No. 6627691 Mowrey et al..

Mowrey discloses the instantly claimed compositions, composite, and seal at the abstract; column 2, lines 8-67; column 3, lines 1-67, particularly 10, 22-28, and 59-62; column 4, lines 1-67, particularly 8-10, 28-37, 40-52, and 53-67; column 5, lines 1-67, particularly 18-21 and 49-53; column 6, lines 1-67, particularly 27-67; column 7, lines 1-21, particularly 14; and the remainder of the document. The patentee's disclosure is not limited to column 5, line 65 to column 6, line 6 and the examples. The abstract and the claims do not require the methylene donors which are taken to be the optional components of column 5, lines 49-50. This rejection is therefore maintained as stated above.

4. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Pat. No. 6627691 Mowrey et al..

Mowrey discloses the instantly claimed compositions, composite, and seal at the abstract; column 2, lines 8-67; column 3, lines 1-67, particularly 10, 22-28, and 59-62; column 4, lines 1-

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67, particularly 8-10, 28-37, 40-52, and 53-67; column 5, lines 1-67, particularly 18-21 and 49-53; column 6, lines 1-67, particularly 27-67; column 7, lines 1-21, particularly 14; and the remainder of the document.

It would have at least been obvious to the ordinary skilled artisan at the time of the instant invention to use the instantly claimed combinations of ingredients and amounts thereof in the adhesive of the patentee to make the instantly claimed seals and composites because these ingredient amounts and combinations are encompassed by the patentee and would have been expected to give the adhesive properties of the adhesive of the patentee.

The patentee's disclosure is not limited to column 5, line 65 to column 6, line 6 and the examples. The abstract and the claims do not require the methylene donors which are taken to be the optional components of column 5, lines 49-50. This rejection is therefore maintained as stated above.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick D. Niland whose telephone number is 571-272-1121. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 10 to 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan, can be reached on 571-272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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